



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: January 8, 2014

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: David Uberto, Regional Manager; Pamela Connelly, Vigo County Director; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Heidi Decker, Clay County Director; Andrea Williams, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Diana Newnum, Vermillion County Director; Jason Holt, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director; Katie Edington, Parke County Director; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Others in Attendance: Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Mary Yelton, Clay County Literacy Program; Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Ann Hecht, Rain Tree Consulting; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau; Emily Owens, Hamilton Center; Lacey Heaton, Wraparound; Beth Gaither, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Kathy Ocampo, Clay and Sullivan County Hamilton Center; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Jessica Rice, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Ashley Titus, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Amanda Bruner, Wraparound intern; Peggy Weber, ISU Department of Social Work; Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, ISU Department of Social Work

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:33 pm

Dave Uberto welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the October 16, 2013 meeting. Dave entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Pam Connelly made motion to accept the October 16, 2013 minutes and Mike Goodwin seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Region 8 is 19% over budget; this is the first time the region has been over budget in the past seven years.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige handed out information through December 2013; 804 referred as of 2013 which are 255 more referrals than last year.

Hope for the Holidays provided clothing and toys for Christmas for those that didn't get on a list before the deadline.

They provide a support group for fathers on Wednesday evening at 6 but it is hard to get the fathers to attend. There must be four in attendance to be a group.

Jon Bennett - There is a reserve of \$21,854. Pam Connelly made a motion to allocate \$15,000 of the reserve funds to Wraparound. Diana Newnum seconded the motion. That will leave \$6,854 in the reserve so a decision needs to be made at the April meeting on how to use the remaining funds.

Lifeline

Beth Gaither spoke about the CRT program that they are finishing up on at Sarah Scott. She thanked the council for the funding.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Dave Uberto – The Strategic Plan was discussed and Pam Connelly made a motion to accept the Region 8 action plan as written and the three outcomes (Increase Father Engagement; Drug panel consistent with regional drugs of choice; START program) Mike Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion Accepted.

A public hearing was held on October 16, 2013.

Reviewed Practice Indicators – three year indicator for Region 8 was well above on how we are doing business.

CRADLES

Mary Yelton – There is no religious requirement if the program is based in a church.

Mary is also working on transportation with the Clay County School Corporation for the literacy program

Wraparound

Lacy Heaton - handed out information through December 2013. There have been 31 referrals during this time and they have served 33 families under prevention funds.

Additional Business

DCS

Jessica Rice – The Foster Family Christmas party was wonderful and she is thankful for all the volunteers that helped make it a success.

Mike Goodwin – Their FCM has graduated.

Heidi Decker – A new FCM started in November 2013.

Pam Connelly – One year ago Vigo County had 160 angels this year there were over 304 angels. There was great community response with people stepping up and giving more and more. ISU sponsored 100 angels.

One child last year asked for and received braces with the help of a generous local dentist.

Thanks to Peggy Weber for her hard work on the MSW program at ISU; she has done such a great job. They have made it to the next step.

Thanks to Peggy Weber and Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey for all the wonderful interns.

ISU Department of Social Work

Peggy Weber - Thanks for the support. They have several conferences coming up in the next few months.

Clay County and Sullivan County Hamilton Center

Kathy Ocampo – Thanks to their HR for their support to hire new staff to keep up with their services.

Pam Connelly made motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 4:30pm in the second floor training room.